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Inquiry respecting the Genus Andrena.—A bank which I was carefully and constantly watching, containing a colony of Andrena, had every prospect of being destroyed, as a tree just above it was about to be felled. I requested one of the labourers to open the most projecting part of the bank, in which I discovered burrows containing small grubs (unusually small), and numerous ants, which I suppose had eaten the remaining food provided for them. On my next visit to the bank, I found the condemned tree respited for another year, and that the expected Andrenæ (females only) had appeared; and although I visited the locality repeatedly, I could never see a male. It has since occurred to me, that the part of the bank cut away contained the male burrows of the colony. The question that I want solved is, whether the burrows of the male and female Andrenæ are separate? Can any of your readers throw any light on this?

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